

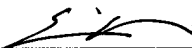
REMARKS

The Advisory Action faxed February 26, 2004, and mailed March 1, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Three Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 3, 2004. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 1-80 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. New claims 81-92 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicant is entitled. Accordingly, claims 1-92 are currently pending, of which claims 1, 12, 23, 36, 49, 59 and 81 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail in the *Amendment* filed December 3, 2003, the Applicant respectfully traverses the obviousness rejection because the Official Action has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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